

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

FN 2011-002251

09/14/2011

HONORABLE JAMES T. BLOMO

CLERK OF THE COURT
G. Verbil
Deputy

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF
POLLY J SAVAGE

STEVEN M SERRANO

AND

RICHARD RALPH ROMANO

RICHARD RALPH ROMANO
6050 N 44TH PL
PARADISE VALLEY AZ 85253

MINUTE ENTRY

Courtroom 605 CCB

1:35 p.m. This is the time set for a Resolution Management Conference in this matter. Petitioner/Wife is present and is represented by counsel, Steven M. Serrano. Respondent/Husband is present, appearing on his own behalf.

A record of the proceedings is made by audio and/or videotape in lieu of a court reporter.

Discussion is held with the Court.

The Court is informed that Husband is scheduled for a deposition with Wife's attorney on October 26, 2011. Husband is advised that he must work with Mr. Serrano if he wishes to reschedule the deposition to an *earlier* date. Otherwise, he must appear as scheduled.

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IT IS ORDERED setting Trial to the Court on **December 2, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.** (Time allotted: 3 hours) before:

**The Honorable James T. Blomo
Central Court Building
201 West Jefferson, Courtroom 605
Phoenix, Arizona 85003**

Pursuant to Rule 77(C)(5), Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure, each party will be allowed 1/2 of the available time to present all direct, cross, redirect examination and any argument. The parties are expected to complete the trial in the allotted time, and the time will not be extended absent a motion granted by the Court and filed at least thirty (30) days prior to trial setting forth good cause to extend the time and specifically including a list of each and every witness who will testify and an estimate of time and subject matter of the expected testimony for each witness.

Disclosure/Discovery

IT IS ORDERED with regard to discovery and disclosure requirements:

1. Both parties shall exchange updated disclosure statements required by Rule 49 and 50, Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure, including an exchange of all relevant information, documents and exhibits forty-five (45) days prior to trial.
2. All depositions and discovery contemplated by Rules 49 through 65, Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure, shall be completed and any motions regarding discovery shall be filed thirty (30) days prior to trial.
3. Counsel and both parties shall personally meet, face to face, ten (10) days prior to trial to conduct settlement discussions, exchange all exhibits, and discuss the resolution and narrowing of all procedural and substantive issues in this case.
4. The parties shall promptly comply with all requests for relevant information in this case. In this regard, the parties shall sign all necessary consents and releases reasonably required to obtain any relevant documents or records from any financial institution, company or business, medical or healthcare provider, or employer possessing any relevant information.
5. If a party is forced to incur attorney's fees or other costs to obtain documents or records by subpoena or other legal process after reasonable request of the other party to obtain such information in a more efficient or economical manner, the Court will consider a request for payment or reimbursement of such fees and costs at the time of trial.

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Joint Pre-trial Statement

IT IS ORDERED that the parties shall file and provide this Division with a copy of a Joint Pretrial Statement pursuant to Rule 76, Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure, no later than five (5) days prior to trial.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Joint Pre-trial Statement shall include:

1. A current Affidavit of Financial Circumstances completed by each party.
2. If there are disputed custody, access or visitation issues, a specific proposal for custody and parenting time.
3. If there are disputed child support issues, a current Parent's Worksheet for Child Support Amount completed by each party pursuant to the Statewide Child Support Guidelines.
4. If the parties have a natural or an adopted minor unemancipated child in common, proof of compliance with the Parental Education Program requirements of A.R.S. §25-351 et seq.
5. If there are disputed issues regarding division of property, a current and detailed Inventory of Property and Debts, together with a summary proposal by each party as to how the property and assets should be divided. If possible, the court prefers a one-page statement of all property except personal property items valued at less than \$500.00 each.
6. If spousal maintenance is requested and disputed, each party shall state the amount and duration of spousal maintenance requested.
7. If division of debts is an issue, the parties shall prepare and exchange a list of all debts, including creditor's name, amount of debt, monthly payment amount, the reason the debt was incurred, who should pay the debt, and all of the information required by A.R.S. §25-318(H).
8. If there is a disputed issue regarding the payment of attorney's fees by either party, an affidavit of the attorney's fees claimed submitted in accordance with the requirements of Rule 78(D), Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the failure of counsel or any party to appear at the time of trial, or to timely present the Joint Pretrial Statement in proper form, including each and every attachment required, shall, in the absence of good cause shown, result in the imposition of any and all available sanctions pursuant to Rule 76(D), Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure and Local

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Rules 6.2(e) and 6.9(b), including proceeding to hear this matter by default based upon the evidence presented by the appearing party.

Exhibits

IT IS ORDERED that any documents or other items intended to be submitted as exhibits at the time of the trial shall be hand-delivered to the Clerk of this division at least **five (5) business days prior to trial**. The exhibits shall be submitted with a coversheet listing the description of each exhibit and separated by a sheet of **colored** paper to easily identify where one exhibit ends and the next begins. Duplicate exhibits shall not be presented and will not be marked. **Any exhibits not submitted by noon on this date will not be accepted. The parties shall also provide the Court and the adverse party with a separate copy of all exhibits.**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall indicate in the Joint Pretrial Statement which exhibits they have agreed will be admissible at trial as well as any specific objections that will be made to any exhibit if offered at trial which is not agreed to be admitted. Reserving all objections to the time of trial will not be permitted. At the time of trial all exhibits which the parties have agreed will be admitted and all exhibits for which no specific objection is stated in the Joint Pretrial Statement shall be summarily admitted.

Findings of Fact

IT IS ORDERED that any party filing a request for findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to Rule 82, Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure, shall submit proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law to this Division no later than thirty (30) days prior to trial. Any controverting findings of fact and conclusions of law proposed by the adverse party shall then be submitted no later than ten (10) days prior to trial.

Settlement

Counsel and the parties are reminded of their obligation to give prompt notice of any settlement to the Court as required by Rule 70, Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure.

Continuances, postponements and schedule changes will not ordinarily be granted. Any postponement or change will be granted only in accordance with appropriate rules, based on a showing of good cause, and requires the express written approval of the Court.

NOTE: All Court proceedings are recorded by an audio method and not by a court reporter. Any party may request the presence of a court reporter by contacting this division three court business days before the scheduled hearing.

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1:44 p.m. Matter concludes.

All parties representing themselves must keep the Court updated with address changes. A form may be downloaded at: <http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/SuperiorCourt/Self-ServiceCenter>.